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High water affects opening of Shelters Grove State Recreation Area

Due to high water levels on Devils Lake, Shelters Grove State Recreation Area is expected to be temporarily closed this spring, according to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. This seasonal park, located east of Devils Lake on Highway 2, normally would open for the summer season on May 21. The park opening will be delayed until lake levels go down. A short segment of the park's campground road is expected to be impacted by high water.

Other recreation areas on Devils Lake managed by the department—Grahams Island State Park and Black Tiger Bay State Recreation area—will open to the public on schedule.

All facilities at Grahams Island State Park will be operational this spring, including the new, 40-unit West Campground. A modern comfort station was relocated to the new campground this winter. This park, which is open year-round, begins offering full modern camping services May 21.

“Our only concern at Grahams Island is the access road,” says Dick Horner, Devils Lake State Parks manager. “With the high water there could be some travel hazards on windy days.” Grahams Island State Park is located nine miles west of Devils Lake, then five miles south.

Black Tiger Bay State Recreation Area, a boat access area on the southeast edge of the lake, will also be open this summer. Construction work at this recreation area, which includes a 2 ft. grade raise for the boat ramp and parking lot, will be completed by Memorial Day weekend.